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TO: File

FROM: Frank Filas, Reclamation Engineer

RE: DOE's 047,026, 027,030, EXP/047/035, Native Asphalt Company
Uintah County, Utah

On March 28, 1988, I inspected the Cameron #1 site (DOE/047/026) and talked with Sam Arentz and Mark Lindsey on site. Native Asphalt Company has been experimenting with various mining techniques for the tarsands. Mining the material with a dozer ripper and with an "easy miner" have proved unsuccessful. They are currently drilling and blasting to see if this method can be used successfully. The company hopes to market the tarsands for road paving purposes.

The Cameron #1 site is located in a drainage and covers about two to three acres. Older recontoured areas are located on either side of this site. These older disturbances were made by Sohio under DOE/047/018. Native Asphalt drilled three holes in the general area last summer (EXP/047/035). One hole was located in the current mining area and is no longer locatable. A second hole which was drilled near the recontoured area to the east was observed. A gray PVC pipe is visible on the surface and has been backfilled with cuttings.

No activity has taken place on DOE's 047/027 and 047/030. Mr. Lindsey requested that these files be kept active for a while longer, just in case they decide to obtain bulk samples from these sites.

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